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Repudiates the Alleged
Signature.**

New York, Nov. 29.—A meeting of Mrs. Chadwick's creditors was held here today and was presided over by George E. Ryall, the New York attorney for Herbert D. Newton of Brookline, Mass., who is suing Mrs. Chadwick for the recovery of \$190,800 he loaned her on Nov. 1. Mrs. Ryall today issued the following statement:

"There was a conference at my office at which were present Mr. Newton, Mr. Carver of Boston, Judge John Albaugh of Canton, of counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, and myself. On behalf of Mrs. Chadwick Judge Albaugh requested that the receivership proceedings be put off until Friday, at which time she will have her affairs in some kind of shape. This was agreed to and Mr. Newton and Mr. Carver went back to Boston on a late train.

"Mr. Newton said that he had seen a note for \$500,000 which was given by Mrs. Chadwick as collateral for a loan to the Citizens' National Bank, which failed yesterday.

"My client told me that this note carried the signature "Andrew Carnegie." This will have to come out sooner or later, so I tell it now."

The following statement was made today at the residence of Andrew Carnegie by Mr. Carnegie's secretary, in reference to a report that Mr. Carnegie's name appeared as endorsed on a note held by Mrs. Chadwick of Cleveland: "Mr. Carnegie read this report and pronounced it absurd. Mr. Carnegie does not know the woman at all."

Boston, Nov. 29.—Mr. Carver tonight told an Associated Press reporter that important developments in the case were expected shortly. Referring particularly to the note for \$500,000 said to have been signed with the name of Andrew Carnegie, Mr. Carver said: "In Mr. Newton's bill of complaint which has been filed in the suit against Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. Newton allows that as Chadwick, Mr. Newton allows that as Chadwick, \$190,800. Mrs. Chadwick showed him a note for \$500,000 which was signed by a man whom Mr. Newton believed to be fully responsible as one who could stand behind such a loan as was requested. I prefer not to state what name was signed to the note, but you can say that we do not contradict the statement that the note bore the signature of Andrew Carnegie."

Mr. Carver stated that Mr. Carnegie's repudiation of the note for \$500,000 was not at all unexpected.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 29.—Attorney Arthur A. Stearns representing Banker Newton of Brookline, Mass., in the case of the latter against Mrs. C. L. Chadwick, left for New York tonight to present a claim with Mrs. Chadwick's attorney. Thomas J. Stearns, Attorney Stearns said today that he has received half a dozen messages from New York calling him to a meeting looking towards a settlement of the suit.

There was such a steady withdrawal of deposits from the Wade Park Bank today that the officials determined to enforce the sixty days' notice of withdrawal rule and a card to that effect was posted in the bank.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Percy W. Carver, counsel for Herbert D. Newton, who is suing Mrs. Chadwick of Cleveland, to recover loans of \$19,800 said today that the postponement of the hearing in the case on Thursday was brought about at his request owing to the unexpected feature in the case arising from the failure of the Citizen's National Bank at Oberlin, O., which is said to have had notes of Mrs. Chadwick.

A conference was held yesterday between the officials of the Dominion Coal Company and representatives from the different provincial workmen's associations and mining lodges at the company's collieries. The miners were asked to return to the present agreement with the company at the present rate of wages. The proposal was a surprise to the miners, who expected that they would have been asked to accept a reduction during the winter months. The representatives of the men took the matter into consideration and will refer to the lodges for action.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Halifax, Nov. 29.—The steamer St. Helens, the fast steamer to leave Cape Breton this season for Montreal, coal suddenly in London today. It had been in poor health for some time, but his death was not expected. The Earl, who was born in 1807, was known as a stockbroker. His father had a magnificent estate, but he ran through the property, left his son practically penniless, and the latter had to adopt a living as a means of making a living.

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DEWEY DECLINES.

Does Not Care for Honor of Sitting on North Sea Commission.

Washington, Nov. 29.—An important meeting of the cabinet was held soon after the arrival of President Roosevelt from St. Louis, the appointment by the President of a representative of the American government who will be "the naval officer of high rank" on the naval commission which have arisen between Great Britain and Russia, was considered. When the cabinet adjourned, nothing definite regarding the appointment had been reached. It is practically certain, however, that the selection will be made from among three officers, Rear Admirals Davis, Chadwick and Searles. Rear Admiral Dewey was considered, but he has it understood that he does not care for the honor. An announcement of the appointment may be expected in a few days.

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Those who know the facts recognize that it is Japan far more than Russia which has gained through the willingness of British shippers and shippers to take risks of this character.

SLAUGHTER RECOMMENCES.
Greek Bandits Attack Macedonian
Wedding Party.

Belgrade, Serbia, Nov. 29.—A wedding party near Monastir, Macedonia, has been attacked and slaughtered by Greek bandits, according to a telegram received at the foreign office. Thirteen of the party were killed and five were wounded. The Greeks escaped to the mountains.

U. S. STEEL MEETING.

New York, Nov. 29.—The monthly meeting of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation was held today. According to a statement made later no business of public interest was transacted. A rumor that the corporation had acquired an option on the Lackawanna Steel Company or was negotiating in some way for the purchase of the Lackawanna Steel Company was unqualifiedly denied.

A GREAT ACTRESS DEAD.

Madame Janauscheck Passes Away at a Good Old Age.

New York, Nov. 29.—Madame Janauscheck's death took place in the Brunswick Home at Amityville, L. I., where for the past four months she had been a private patient as a charge of the Actors' Fund. Prior to going to Amityville Madame Janauscheck had been a guest of the Actors' Home on Staten Island. She had been gradually sinking for months. Paralysis and general debility were the immediate cause of death. Madame Janauscheck was 74 years old.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—Prince

Mestchersky, editor of the *Crashanin*, and the foremost spokesman of the autocracy, holds the inauguration of such reforms as are at present possible in Russia has been actually prejudiced by the irresponsible agitation for a constitution which is now in progress.

Speaking to the Associated Press today Prince Mestchersky said: "The question is often asked why not introduce a constitution. Russia might as well ask an American or a Briton why not introduce autocracy. A constitution is just as necessary to Great Britain or the United States as autocracy is for Russia. Russia without autocracy would cease to be Russia. The greatest contemporary Russian statesmen, men of the most commanding intellect, like M. Witte are of this opinion. Constitutional government is impossible in Russia for the simple reason that the vast majority of the people have not the slightest conception of its meaning. There are perhaps 100,000 Russians who want a constitution, and as they do all the talking, while the remaining 150,000,000 are voiceless, the impression goes abroad that the sentiment of the majority of the nation desires a change in the form of government. If a constitution were introduced tomorrow, it would be short-lived, simply because it would not be based upon the wishes or wants of the people and therefore it would only impede real and lasting reforms.

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"The imperial manifesto of February, 1904, laid down a basis of reform which the government was carefully preparing and gradually but surely carrying out when Von Plehve's untimely end put a sudden stop to the work. The fundamental idea of the manifesto is to create small Zemstvos, thus bestowing the widest possible measure of self-government.

The project contemplated a complete reorganization of the present form of Zemstvos whereby local affairs would be submitted to the control of those immediately interested, and questions affecting the provinces at large would be referred to a representative provincial council under the presidency of the governor. Once local government should be established upon a firm basis, it was the intention of the sovereign to reform the central administration at St. Petersburg.

This would probably be begun with the introduction of ministerial responsibility. The council of the ministry, which is now merely a perfunctory body, would sit under the presidency of the sovereign. At present each minister has his own programme or policy, often in conflict with other ministers.

"The reforms would next include the introduction of representative members of the council of the empire, giving the nation a voice in legislation. The council would be restored to the primary function for which it was created by Peter the Great, of controlling the administration of the law, and thus becoming a strong safeguard against arbitrariness in administration.

"This logical and comprehensive scheme was suspended by Von Plehve's murder. His successor marked his entry into office by an appeal to the confidence of the people, which unfortunately was misunderstood. The effect has been to tongue wagging and newspapers talking and the Russian people are not yet fully developed, owing to the restrictions under which it has suffered, to appreciate the merits of sound conservatism. The talk at once became wildly liberal in tendency. Then came the meeting of the Zemstvos, who carried away by eloquence and fervor, in excess of zeal, outlaid the further ambition of their chairman, M. Shipoff, and memorialized the throne for a regular constitution. The result has been to confuse the whole issue of reform upon which the autocracy was intent."

Prince Mestchersky declared that personally he did not attach any great importance in the movement, nor does he interpret anything in the nature of a crisis.

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Port Arthur**Nearing Its End****Japanese Claim to Have Captured Position Dominating Harbor.****Desperate Fighting Daily and Losses are Said to Be Excessive.**

London, Nov. 30.—According to a Tokio despatch to the Chronicle, there is an unofficial rumor that the Japanese hauled large carriage guns to the top of Two Hundred and Three Metre hill, from whence their fire has a sweep of the whole harbor. This report doubtless goes beyond the facts, but various despatches indicate the progress of the Japanese in the direction of Port Arthur. Japanese were explain the great importance of the capture of Two Hundred and Three Metre hill, which, besides giving command of the harbor will serve as a wide breach made by the wedge the Japanese had previously driven in between the Etz group of forts and the Russian's last retreat in the ravines of Laotie mountain. They declare that the retreat to Laotie will be cut off, and it is not unlikely that Laotie will be simultaneously attacked in the final assault.

Bennett Burleigh wires to the Daily Telegraph from Chefoo that in the assault the Japanese lost 4,000 men. They captured two more of the northeastern forts and a third, which is a part of the Kleekwan fort. They claim to have effected a lodgment at Pigeon bay, thus turning the fort on Two Hundred and Three Metre hill, and that they are now tunneling from the gorge below Laotie hill which they hope first to damage, then to rush. The despatch concludes: "Desperate fighting occurs every day and the losses are said to be excessive, but the Japanese insist that Port Arthur must fall within twenty-one days."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that wireless communication has been established between the Russian consulate at Chefoo and the Port Arthur garrison.

RUSSIANS IN MUTINY.

Twenty-five Recruits Shot Down in Rioting at Odessa.

London, Nov. 29.—Despatches from Odessa report that a serious mutiny occurred yesterday at the marine barracks in the course of which twenty-five recruits were killed and a large number of others wounded. The riot was only one in a long chain of similar occurrences which began early last week and prompted the authorities to surround the buildings with a strong cordon of loyal soldiers.

Rumors that a new outbreak was contemplated reached the authorities early in the day, but at that time everything seemed quiet and the reports were not credited. In the afternoon a strong body of recruits left one of the barracks, and marching the length of the entire row, sang incendiary songs and shouted to their comrades to quit their posts and parade the streets.

In a minute every room was in an uproar. Some of the cooler heads tried to restrain the others, but the younger men crowded to the doors and flocked to the singing and yelling band. Almost simultaneously the guards gave the alarm and charged the rioters. Very few of the latter were armed, having left their rifles in the barracks. The effect of the charge was instantaneous. The mutineers fled together, and led by the few armed men, tried to come within grapping reach of the soldiers. This movement was met with a volley which stretched a number of the rioters to the ground.

The scenes which then followed were awful. Small groups of the recruits attempted resistance and rushed to destruction. Others ran wildly about, hoping to escape the flying bullets. In less than fifteen minutes the mutiny was over. Twenty-five of its participants had been killed and the number of wounded is estimated at fully 100.

FERCEST FIGHT IN WEEKS.

Makden, Nov. 29.—The return of the Japanese against General Remondkampf's front continued November 28, culminating before noon in one of the severest fights in weeks. The Japanese retired only about six hundred yards, but after the fight the Japanese had captured all the Russian Red Brigade posts from the 7th and 9th Red Brigades. The Russians also captured a large quantity of rifles and other tools and Red Cross stores.

Night sorties are very abundant, Russian scouts proving very adroit to their work of raiding and capturing the Japanese in their winter quarters. On the night of November 27 a party of Siberian sharpshooters went out and captured every one of the guards in front of a Japanese party cutting firewood without arousing the suspicion of the Japanese.

On the evening of November 27 a party of Russian soldiers practically wiped out the village of Naganaga situated just opposite Poutliou hill; the Japanese had been occupying a building in this village and hampering the Russian sharpshooters. Attacking the village early in the evening the Russians seized the building and captured the Japanese who had been occupying the building which was blown up and almost the whole village destroyed. The Russian losses during the whole affair were three men killed and 15 wounded.

Chinese report that the main Japanese force is still at Naganaga, rather than at Shikha, but that it is impossible to estimate its strength. The Japanese at close quarters and especially during night continually use Russian words and phrases, with the object of misleading their foes. General Linievitch has especially warned the troops on this point.

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SOLE AGENTS FOR CANADA.

Financing The**G. T. Pacific****Details of Scheme Issued by Speyer Brothers in New York.****Bonds for Construction of Western Division Now Offered to the Public.**

Special to the Colonist.

New York, Nov. 29.—Details of the Grand Trunk Pacific project are announced in connection with the financing of the road by Speyer Brothers. The following announcement will be made in the Wall Street Journal tomorrow:

"The road is to be built in two divisions: the eastern from Moncton, N. B. to Winnipeg, 1,800 miles, and the western from Winnipeg to the Pacific, 1,500 miles. Rails are to be standard 75 and 80 pound steel rails. Contract for same has been awarded. The specifications call for a line 'on a standard not inferior to the main line of the Grand Trunk railway from Montreal to Toronto.'

The western division is to be completed by 1911. The eastern division will be built by the Canadian government under Grand Trunk Pacific supervision. When completed the entire line will be operated by Grand Trunk.

The eastern division will be leased for fifty years on a rental value equal to 3 per cent of the gross of the finest solo pianists and accompanists on the coast, and a lady violinist of rare powers, a soprano. The opening number will be a trio for violin, cello and piano.

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WHITE'S IN DANGER.

London, Nov. 30.—The Standard's London correspondent reports that the condition of the whites in German Southwest Africa is precarious. Wholesale murders by Hottentots are reported from various sources, and another despatch states that insurgents have massacred fifty Dutch settlers in cold blood. White women and children are fleeing into Capetown.

NEARING THE END.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—(3:28 a.m.)—Foreign reports of the fighting at Port Arthur are accepted here very seriously. If the Japanese have taken 203 Metre hill as reported and are commanding the whole harbor, it is believed that the situation is critical. Experts on Port Arthur emphatically assert, however, that it is more likely that the Japanese have occupied unimportant positions at the base of the hill, and believe that, with the concentrated fire of the covering forts, the Japanese will find the top of the hill untenable if they arrive there.

TRADE WITH MEXICO.

Important Document Received at Ottawa From British Consul.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—(Special)—A valuable report has been received from L. J. Jerome, British consul-general at the City of Mexico, which has an important bearing in the present situation. It shows the trade between British Columbia ports and Pacific ports of Mexico. The report of Mr. Jerome gives a list of principal exports of various kinds of Mexican products. List of reliable importers in different cities and names of British consuls in Mexico will furnish information to Canadians. The report also contains information regarding railroad facilities in the republic.

TERMINAL CITY NEWS.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.—(Special)—A short time ago Police Magistrate Williams sentenced three men found sleeping in empty freight cars to jail for six months for vagrancy, to which they pleaded guilty. The young men were well connected in the East. The long term for such an offense was imposed by the Department of Justice at Ottawa, wrote for particulars, which were given. Today Sheriff Hill received a wife from Ottawa to have the prisoners liberated at once.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons was founded in 1887, the statute of Dr. Robert Telford, who was released on a charge of abortion a short time ago.

The Kent Courier, published at Tunbridge Wells, in its issue of November 5, has a long article under the caption, "Mrs. Landor in British Columbia," in which the following statement appears: "How many respects the Motherland will do well to follow the example of this, one of the youngest children. During my stay in Vancouver (over 5 months) I have not seen a public house, a gin palace, beer shop or saloon, nor have I seen a drunken person since I left England early in April, although I have been out and about constantly."

This is hardly complimentary to Vancouver, as it is noted for very many "swell" saloons and drinking places.

The Liverpool Echo, in its issue of November 11, has the following amusing paragraph: "Vancouver Island, British Columbia, is a beautiful, almost an earthly paradise, but lacks Eves. Let an unmarried woman go to Vancouver Island and the 'courtsip' begins immediately. The men have got to offer their own wives. The girls are often worked up, and they want a good house to live in. They will hire Chinamen or half-breeds, anybody to do the hard work, if only a good-looking woman will light the parlor lamp at night and sit by the fireside waiting for her husband to come home. Canada has sent a number of its bright, capable women to her Island, but still it has need of more."

A banquet was given by the Chinese for the Association. His Excellency, Kien Wei, Among those present were the American and Japanese Consuls; J. M. Powell, customs collector; Col. Worsnop; J. E. Mellor, inland revenue, and the Colonial representative.

JOHN TAMSON'S BAIRNS

Victoria Caledonians Foreigner Tonight to Honor St. Andrew.

In St. William Wallace Hall, this evening St. Andrew's festival, the newly organized St. Andrew's Society of Victoria will meet around the social board to do honor to Scotia's patron saint in the manner made venerable by long usage in many lands forth of Scotland, where Scots in exile meet to crack if only once a year the subtle Scot's joke and pique the scuishin from each other's mulls.

The society had intended to hold a banquet on the old-time scale of magnificence, but owing to the fact that the society has just been reorganized on a totally new basis, it was deemed wiser to make the first gathering more in the nature of a reunion. An excellent programme of toasts, songs, instrumental selections, addresses, recitations, etc., has been prepared, while the menu shows routh of tasty fare.

There is no question that the Victoria Scots will have a splendid time this evening. Most of the leading men of the city and province will be present. Telegrams of greeting will be sent to all the leading societies in Canada and the United States.

MARINO PROBABLY COMING.
Flattering Success Attends Personal Canvass, by Impresario.

Yesterday the gentleman who is representing Signor Pietro Marino, the Italian violin virtuoso, made a round of calls amongst the leading citizens of Victoria and laid before them the plan to bring Marino here for a return match, if possible on Friday evening. The response which this gentleman met with was most gratifying. Wherever the list was presented it was enthusiastically signed, and the hope is now that a sufficient number of signatures can be obtained to ensure the treat of another Marino concert.

Those who have signed the list are the leaders of Victoria society and the approbation with which they view the proposal to fetch the gifted young Italian here again augurs well for music in this city. One well-known society lady took an exceedingly lively interest in the project and volunteered to telephone all her friends, whose name is legion, and said that they must for the credit of Victoria as a musical centre, lend their assistance by being present on the occasion of the concert.

Should Marino come he will bring with him the splendid solo cellist, who delighted all at the previous concert, one of the finest solo pianists and accompanists on the coast, and a lady violinist of rare powers, a soprano. The opening number will be a trio for violin, cello and piano.

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November 29th, 1904.

Board And Lodging For Chinese Crew

Preparations are Being Made to
House and Feed Celestials
at Outer Wharf.

Several Big Boats Arrive at
Victoria From Distant
Ports

When the 200 Chinese who are to form part of the crew of James J. Hill's mammoth steamer, the Minnesota, arrive here on the steamship Empress of India from Hongkong next week, they will be housed in one of the sheds at the outer wharf, and kept there until the Minnesota is ready to take them aboard. Those Chinamen will be, of course, exempt from the usual head tax, and will be regarded, practically, as bonded goods. They will be under the strictest surveillance of the local Dominion customs and immigration officials, and will not be allowed to leave the outer wharf under any pretext. Tenders for the feeding of the bonded Chinamen are now being received by the officials concerned. It will be no small contract, to feed three times a day 200 abedded Chinese. Preparations to house the Chinamen are now going on, and will be in readiness for them when the Empress reaches the outer wharf.

BUILD THEIR OWN.

Japanese Firms Will Construct Passen-
ger and Cargo Boats.

Local representatives of the Toyu Kisen Kaisha, or Japanese Steamship Company, state it has been decided to build at Nagasaki two 15,000-ton foreign and freight steamers for its San Francisco and Oriental service, instead of having them constructed in England, as was at first intended. They will be built by the Mito Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works to build the steamships. The other Japanese steamship company, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, is having built at the same place a 6,000-ton steamer for its Seattle service.

Material for these new steamships and six others is being bought in the United States, and shipments of this material are now going through this port to Nagasaki. Large quantities of lumber, rails, and other material for the new waterways at Yokohama are going through this port, the purchases having been made in this country partly on account of the prices and in part due to the speedy delivery.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the English tramp steamer Quito, the Norwegian tramp Viking, and the German steamer Germanicus are due charter to carry from this port and Seattle large quantities of coal to Japan within the next few weeks; also locomotives and cars. Part of this material is intended for the new roads being built in Korea by the Japanese government and part to be used on the Trans-Siberian road, where Kurokupan and his soldiers are destroying large quantities of railroad supplies as their retreat toward Harbin and Mukden goes on.

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on the dock at Moran's yesterday for cleaning and painting. After loading off she will tow to Mukilteo to load a cargo of lumber for Shanghai or Kai-chou.

Tacoma, Nov. 29.—The French bark La Tour D'Anvers arrived in port this afternoon in tow of the tug Walker, en route from over from Seattle to discharge the balance of her general cargo, which is consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Company.

A SAILOR'S INVENTION.

Machinery for Roofing, Furling or Mak-
ing Sail From Decks.

To build a ship, the sails of which can be reefed, tacked, furled and unfurled wholly by the means of machinery on deck, has been the dream and life work of Captain William Williams, retired sailing master, residing in Oakland, at 2244 Magnolia street, says a special to the San Francisco Examiner. After spending the last twenty years of his life in contriving working models, he has succeeded in producing a miniature full-rigged ship, the principles of which, when introduced into the ocean commerce of the world, will work a startling revolution in the life of seamen before the mast and in the economy of the shipping industry.

For centuries the method of handling the sheets on board sailing craft has undergone no radical change. The heavy blocks, tackle, halliards and rigging in use today are virtually the same as those the ancient mariner of Coleridge and the sea dogs of Columbus handled in their momentous voyages. Under the new regime these are expected to vanish as the old scythe has vanished before the modern reaper.

Now comes Captain Williams with a series of working models on deck which does entirely away with the old system of ratlines, halliards and braces. Not only that, but it will save one-half the present cost of labor.

The invention for which Captain Williams has just received a patent in Great Britain and the United States consists practically of a set of winches at the foot of each mast, whereby a single man, by turning a crank, can manage or reef a ship in a moment. To complete the three of these operations on the main yard, lower topsail yard, upper topsail yard and lower and upper topsail yards would require an able-bodied seaman but five minutes at the five winches.

The winches are so arranged as to take up their own slack by reversing cogs. The sheets themselves work on sleeves encircling the yard arm. By slipping a brake the sheets can be allowed to unfurl automatically.

Necessarily the operation of the new patent extends only to square rigged ships.

Another notable feature of this labor-saving device lies in an arrangement of whistles on a bridge or deck in front of which the yards of which the yards are braced, could be turned around before the wind by one energetic man working three minutes with a crank.

The system of winches before the mast corresponds to the present-day sailing of halliards, labor is invaluable in cases where the wind takes the vessel hard aback. Under the old system it was impossible to furl in these conditions. Under the new, it can be done as easily as any other time. Only wire rope is used as fastenings with the wear and waste of hempen cordage.

It takes twenty-four seamen to man a full-rigged ship. By using half the men, as would be necessary in adopting the Williams system, a saving of twelve men in one year of \$18 per month would result in the saving to the owner of the vessel \$2,304 per annum.

William Williams was born in Waterford, Ireland, seventy-eight years ago. He has been a deep-sea sailing master for nearly fifty years of his life.

MARINE NOTES.

The Pacific Marine Review's notice of Captain Waite's address before the Natural History Society contained an error in which should have been detected. Captain Waite was the efficient master of D. G. S. Quadra for fourteen years, not four, as the name Marine Review had it.

It is necessary in the interests of truth, to give a flat and emphatic denial to the statements of a Victoria newspaper concerning the absence of the D. G. S. Quadra from this port. The facts, as stated in the Tacoma Ledger, need neither enlargement or reduction. The whereabouts of the Quadra are not known, and she has been absent much longer than was expected. She is carrying no chief officer and the weather has been very bad.

Kosmos liner Menes will go to Comox to fill her bunkers for the home voyage as soon as she completes discharge of the nitrates for the Victoria Chemical Company.

Steamer Titania is due to pass in from San Francisco today to Nanaimo for a coal cargo. She has been on the ways for a cleaning.

Steamer Wellington will probably pass

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VOTING MACHINES.

The remedy for ballot-stuffing, bogus ballot boxes and the like, of which we have had numerous recent examples, undoubtedly lies in the introduction of voting machines. We do not refer to the "machine" of the Ross Liberal variety, which has become so notorious; but the honest mechanical device used successfully in the United States, which you can "hug" as much as you like without in any way altering the result. No ballot box has yet been devised, and no system of ballot papers adopted, which are not capable of abuse and of fraudulent manipulation. The voting machine has been used in a number of the States of the Union, and wherever it has been used it has been pronounced a success, so at least, we are informed, by United States papers. The one disadvantage is the cost, but that is overcome by its advantages. It is as expeditious as it is sure, and when the voting is done the final result is registered. As described by a contemporary, the machine gives an absolutely secret ballot, for no trace whatever is left of the action of the individual voter. It gives a count which cannot be disputed, because it is mechanically and absolutely exact. The voter cannot mark his ballot, and, therefore, cannot lose it. He is protected absolutely against error and absolutely against losing his vote by having his ballot rejected in the count as defective. Disputed returns are impossible, because there are no defective ballots. There can be no illegal ballots because it is impossible for anyone to vote otherwise than in a legal manner. There can be no tampering with the returns, no altering of the totals in the count, for they stand recorded on the machine and can be seen and copied by watchers in every polling place where they are exposed after the polls are closed.

If all this be true, we think the substitution of the voting machine for the political "machine" in use in Ontario would be very much to the advantage of that Province and would avoid scandals, which have blackened its reputation in the past, in the future.

A CAUSE MUCH HANDICAPPED.

There is a good deal of nonsense spoken and written about what our Conservative friends are pleased to term "better terms." There are, however, many hard-headed, clear-thinking men among the Conservatives who regard the "better terms" cry as, what it is, a mere childish whimpering.—The Inland Sentinel.

If ever British Columbia secures increased recognition from Ottawa, it will be in spite of conditions the most adverse any cause ever had to contend with. The above is a sample. There is nothing at the present time of such vital importance to British Columbia as a readjustment of financial relations. Every person admits that, in the past, our burdens on account of the Dominion have been too great, that we have far over-contributed our share of the revenues to the Federal treasury. It is admitted that on almost every point in which our relations come into contact with Federal relations that they react unduly against us. We have to import nearly all we buy from the East, for which we pay, in addition to whatever duty may have been paid originally, a very heavy freight impost which is added to our cost of living. We sell nothing of what we produce in the East, except latterly some lumber and a small quantity of fruit. And in the matter of lumber we are even excluded from the markets of the Northwest by competition from the United States, lumber being the only industry in Canada which is not protected. We have to sell our products in the markets of the world in competition with what is produced by cheap labor. The fisheries of British Columbia are the only industry of a similar kind in Canada which contributes to the fishery revenue to any extent. We pay much more than we get. The other provinces pay practically nothing and get practically all the expenditure. Take industries of any kind and its profitable undertaking, except in a few lines in competition with the East, is practically impossible on account of conditions which increase the cost of production and on account of a limited market in which to sell.

But the foregoing are not the least of the disadvantages under which we labor as a province. When it comes to duties devolving upon the Province as a province, we are handicapped by mountainous condition and a vast area that increase the cost of administration to four and five times what it is in the other provinces. No possible financial policy that can be evolved by any provincial administration can prevent the province from going more deeply into debt each year if the government is to adequately maintain all its services and to carry on development according to the needs of the Province—that is, without increasing the rate of taxation to a pitch which will render it unbearable. Those who befit the demand for "Better Terms" have to study the question. As an instance of this, the Inland Sentinel quotes approvingly from the Nelson Tribune as follows, a suggested remedy for admitted evils:

"Let the people of British Columbia drink less whisky that is made in Scotland and in Ontario and more beer that is made in British Columbia. Let them wear woolen goods made in our own woolen mills and less of that that is made in other countries. Let them keep their money at home instead of swelling the incomes of T. Eatons and R. Simpsons. Let them stop making poor mouths and begin declaring that they are the best fed and the most prosperous people in Canada. Were they to do all these things, within five years British Columbia would not even call the King."

What the Tribune advises is certainly worthy of consideration, but suggests interference with the freedom of the individual to buy where and what he likes. We cannot regulate that. But the relations that should exist between the Province and the Dominion can be governed, and our demands for readjustment of those relations, based on equity, should never cease until they are acceded to.

The Liberal-Conservative candidate in Yale-Caribou, if he did not win the seat, won at least a high place in the esteem of the electorate. The Inland Sentinel, Liberal, says: "Martin Burrell, the defeated candidate, put up a game fight and won many friends throughout the constituency by the clear campaign he conducted."

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We mean our Christmas Goods. This is a NEW Christmas that's coming, and you want NEW presents. You gain nothing by waiting; in fact, you may lose a chance to select the better patterns.

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We have just got in a lot of French Hair Brushes, Eboby backs with good bristles, and yet not too expensive. Military brushes in neat cases for HIM. Come in and see them, and also

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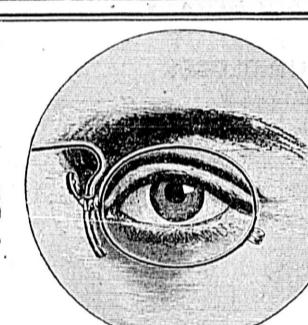
An arrest was made by Colonel Sherwood, head of the Dominion secret service, of the man who shipped the bogus ballot boxes to Mr. B. O. Lott, Liberal candidate in West Hastings. Observe that the initiative was taken by the Dominion authorities, although such duty falls particularly within the jurisdiction of the Attorney-General of the Province. Why was this? The Ross Government dared not take steps, because its own friends were involved.

The Dominion Government is elected and safely in power. The Liberals will get credit for making the investigation, which will, in any case, all be for the benefit of the cause.

The Toronto Globe wants to split hairs about the name of the new transcontinental railway. It says there is no such road as the "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway" either existent or registered. There is a corporation called the "Grand Trunk Railway Company," but the railway itself is the "National Transcontinental Railway." We know all about that. The Globe may as well save its breath to cool its porridge. The people call it the "Grand Trunk Pacific," and they will continue to do so, even if it were forbidden by law. It is the most distinctive name of the two and trips lightly off the tongue. The "National Transcontinental Railway" is a whole mouthful in comparison.

We have received the report of the Canadian Archives for 1903. On account of the death of the late Douglas Brymner, for many years Archivist, and the non-appointment of a successor, the report is signed by Geo. F. O'Halloran, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. In the preface we learn that the work of the Department is not being neglected, but is being carried on by Mr. Duff and Miss Casey, both of whom assisted Mr. Brymner for a number of years. The present report is made up almost altogether with a list of pamphlets which have been filed and catalogued. Last year the report contained an alphabetical list of books in the Department. These two reports are, therefore, very valuable for reference.

The financial situation in the United States is very satisfactory. According to a statement published, the Associated Banks of the City of New York had on hand on the 13th of November of specie and legal tender, \$302,905,800. This is a larger sum than has been



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Another three weeks of Christmas rush at Spencer's. Our efforts to please our customers have met uniformly with kind appreciation, and it is with the utmost satisfaction and ever mindful of our debt of gratitude to a valued clientele, that we state that the public has contributed to our success, the amount of patronage, liberal beyond any previous year has brought us many degrees nearer that high ideal which we have established as our ultimate goal. We are not satisfied, however, to rest upon our laurels, and imagine the success of today is indicative of the future, and work on the principle, "Let well enough alone"—we believe that it is always possible to do better, and thankful to kind Providence, we push on from one stage to another, taking up the task of perfect storekeeping every day with renewed determination to deserve still better the generosity of our customers. We compete with ourselves. Last year we did a large Xmas trade, and we have every reason to believe that this Xmas trade will be far in excess of last year. Today is not one moment too soon to begin your Xmas shopping—stocks were never better, and we were never so well equipped to meet the demands of the public of Victoria. We were fortunate in securing from a leading German fancy goods house, all their samples for this season. In no other way could we show such an extensive range. Thirty cases and every piece different. It is a little difficult to buy a stock of Christmas novelties, and only get a very small quantity of a kind, and buy them at a right price. Buying such a line as this, is just the thing. It suits our customers in two ways—you are sure that no one else will have the same thing as the one you may select, and as we secured a liberal discount, you share in this advantage as well.

These samples are already creating lots of interest, and the entire lot will be ready Thursday morning.

Think of all the shopping to be done and Christmas only three weeks away—it almost takes one's breath away to see the days before Xmas go flying past. It is so easy to put things off, that Xmas Bells will be ringing before we know it. Don't miss reading the items in any of our advertisements this month, if you want to participate in some remarkable values, and also be helped in your Xmas shopping.

OUR XMAS SALE COMMENCES THURSDAY MORNING.

It is our usual custom at the Xmas Sale to reduce Silks, Jackets and High Class Novelties in the various departments. This along with our store full of Holiday goods will make buying very interesting for the next three weeks.

....SILKS....

About 600 yards of Art Silks, regular price \$1.25.
Xmas Sale Price, 65c yard

Colored Satins, regular 75c, and \$1.00.
Xmas Sale price 50c yard.

Colored Taffetas, all short ends, go on

sale at 50c. yard.

Colored Merv Silks, regular \$1.00.
Xmas Sale price 55c.

Black Broche Silk, regular \$1.50.
Xmas Sale price 90c.

Black Broche Silk, regular \$2.50.
Xmas Sale price \$1.35.

Handsome Broche Silks, regular \$2.00
and \$2.50. Xmas Sale price 1.25.

Fancy Broche Silk, regular \$2.75 and
\$3.00. Xmas Sale price \$1.50.

Black Peau de Soie Silks, regular
\$1.00. Xmas Sale price 50c.

Our regular \$1.25 quality. Xmas Sale
price 60c.

Black Satin Merv Silks, regular
90c. quality. Xmas Sale price 65c.

Our regular \$1.15 quality. Xmas Sale
price 60c.

Black Peau de Soie Silks, regular
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LOCAL NEWS.

FIXTURES FOR TODAY

Afternoon and Evening—Catholic ladies' bazaar at Institute Hall. 8 p. m.—Social and lecture at Y. M. C. A.

8 p. m.—Sacred concert at Centennial Methodist Church. 8 p. m.—Scotch concert at A. O. U. W. Hall.

8 p. m.—"See Hopkins" at the Victoria Theatre.

8 p. m.—Stock companies at Redmond and Crystal Theatres; and vaudeville at Grand and Savoy Theatres.

8:30 p. m.—St. Andrew's dinner at Sir William Wallace Hall.

Van Anda Mines Closed.—Operations at the Van Anda mines on Texada island have been suspended and between fifteen and twenty men thrown out of employment as a result. No information has been made public as to whether it is the intention to resume operations at an early date. It is stated that the decision to close down the mine was arrived at after an inspection by Dr. Hope, of Birmingham, England, a representative of the English company which has been operating the property. Mr. G. L. McKenzie has been manager for some time.

Drowned in Harbor.—The body of Samuel Keys, a carpenter, who came to Victoria from Iowa, about ten years ago, was found yesterday morning floating in the harbor by the watchman of the E. & N. bridge. Deceased has been missing for a week or more. Detective McDonald, who knew Keys, says that he lived in a cabin on Hamblott street. He was about seventy years of age and too old to work. He made frequent visits to the waterfront and it is presumed that he accidentally fell into the water. An inquest will be held by the coroner, Dr. E. C. Hart, at 2 p. m. today.

Patent Report.—Rowland Brittan, patent attorney, of Vancouver, reports that Chester S. Rollston of Hodgson & Stearman, Granville street, Vancouver, obtained a United States patent on his improved sheave and rope guide. John H. McLean, saw filer, of the Canada Shingle Company, Hastings, has just received his United States patent on an improve saw tooth which has given remarkable results both in the efficiency of the tooth and the cleanliness of its work, either for ripping or cross-cutting, as the distinctive features of the invention are applicable to other class of saws.

The Telford Case.—Today at Vancouver the B. C. Medical Association is opening an official investigation regarding the Dr. Robert Telford of Buryard sanatorium, in Vancouver, in August on Miss Hattie Bowell.

At the A. O. U. W.—Aye, mon, this is the night of the great supper and concert in the A. O. U. W. hall. We mean get out our Sunday clothes an' gang over. Maister MacKenzie will be there and will give us a skirt, while Maister Broom will sing us a sang an' they'll dote others there as well.

Rock Bay Bridge.—Commencing today, Rock Bay bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic, it being considered unsafe for such. The sidewalks will remain open for foot traffic and cyclists will also be permitted to use the bridge. The council has under consideration the petition asking for the repairing of the bridge or the adoption of some plan by which its general use may be continued.

Mother's Club.—The officers of the Mother's Club have decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Spring Ridge school, and to make all final arrangements for their at home, to be held on December 14th. At this meeting the invitations will be issued to all members for the distribution among their friends.

"Schillings' Best"—Mr. Harry Malone, representing the A. Schillings & Co. of San Francisco, is staying at the Vernon hotel. Mr. Malone is selling "Schillings' Best" well-known brand of baking powder, and this firm's brands of spices and extracts. Mr. Malone is very happy in the possession of the report of a government "pure food" investigation, which gives every article manufactured by the Schillings company the highest standing, and in many cases special mention for quality.

Dallas Road Foresters.—Inquiry was made yesterday of a Colonist reporter as to the ragged children of Mayor Barnard and the city engineer respecting the status of the dispute over street lines on Dallas road in the vicinity of Ross Bay cemetery. It was explained that the matter remains exactly as it was a couple of years ago—no settlement has been arrived at with the B. C. Land & Investment Company, who represent the property holders interested. At the period mentioned Mr. George Hargreaves surveyed the property on behalf of the city, and duly reported, his view being that the B. C. Land & Investment Company was legally in possession. The last company was duly notified of this decision, and in turn obtained legal possession and then the matter stands. No one seems to know just why proceedings should have been halted just where they are.

Joining the Colors.—To assist their country in its struggle against Russia, several hundred Japanese will leave British Columbia within the next few weeks. The first detachment left on Monday for Japan to join the Mikado's army. They numbered 150, and go direct to Yokohama by the Empress of China, whence they will proceed to Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Of that number 110 came from Portland, Ore. The Japanese, when questioned regarding their rather hurried trip home, stated that they go in response to individual summons. There will be no recruiting officer for the Japanese army on this side of the Pacific, and no work of that kind has been done by the Japanese consulate. It is said that Japs in far countries receive and respond to calls direct from their home government when needed in the service of their country.

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A Church Difficulty.—At a meeting of the quarterly official board of Victoria West Methodist church, on Monday evening, it was decided the appropriation for ministerial support to be \$500 for the year, the minister to pay his own house rent. Under these conditions it is not expected the present pastor will remain a second year.

Brilliant Prospects.—Information is received from Greenwood, B. C., to the effect that the Rawhides and Brooklyn mines of the Montreal & Boston Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company are now shipping 250 tons per day each, while the other mines of the company are being worked to their full capacity. It is a matter of common report that Montreal & Boston Consolidated M. & B. will earn a net revenue of over two million dollars during the ensuing year.

Crofton Smelter.—It is understood that the management of the Crofton smelter have under consideration the question of the reopening of the plant at an early date. An official of the smelting company arrived at Crofton the other day from Montana, with the object of looking over the ground. It is generally understood that the matter hinges upon the ability of the company to make arrangements for the handling of the ore output of the Britanniæ mines.

Re Water Rights.—A delegation numbering five or six gentlemen who are interested in the navigation of water rights on the Koksilah river and Shawigan lake, yesterday afternoon interviewed the government respecting the matter. The views of the delegation were fully presented and the government promised to take the matter under consideration. The point involved is an alleged absorption of all the available water privileges on the Koksilah river by the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The Garbage Problem.—A Colonist reporter yesterday interviewed the city engineer respecting the problem with which the civic authorities are now grappling—the dumping of garbage. Mr. Topp explained that no new plan had been agreed upon as yet. At present the garbage is being dumped on the eastern section of the James Bay flats, and it was proposed to get a different site because complaint had been made that the smell of the garbage deposited on the spot mentioned was considered a nuisance by residents in that locality.

Y. M. C. A. Social.—Postmaster Shakespeare will preside at this evening's social and lecture at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. K. Langdon, the lecturer, will deserve one of the most wonderful rock displacements of the age when the whole mountain top collapsed upon the hapless little mining town of Frank. Everyone is invited to attend this social whether a member of the association or not. Some delicious nut-toffee will be passed around during the evening and coffee will be served at the close.

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If you wish to see the most handsome piano of the day, take a look at the magnificent "Master & Riser" in the Hicks & Lovick Piano Company's window, 88 Government. They also have a very large stock inside which is being sold at special bargains. It will pay you to call on them.

L. Eaton & Co. hold a seasonable auction sale at their premises, corner of Fort and Douglas streets, Balmoral, on Saturday, 3rd December, at 2 p. m., and an evening sale, commencing at 8 p. m.

Boys' and Girls' Annuals at Hibben's.

Immense bargains this week in Boots of all kinds. Every line reduced. Don't fail to see window. Bring your family and get them sold cheap at Watson's Shoe Store, 65 Yates street.

Smith & Champion, the furniture men, 100 Douglas street, are offering special inducements in a fine line of easy chairs for the holidays, which are well adapted for presents, as they are easy and most comfortable, all same "Grandma's Old Arm Chair."

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A fine line of dainty Christmas Cards, Calendars, Dolls, and other attractive articles for the holidays, are to be seen at Edwards' Bazaar, 34 Yates St.

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The chimes of the Merry Christmas bell may now be heard pealing forth joyous strains from noon until the close of the holidays at Hastings' Fair, where the little folks will always find things suitable, both in price and variety.

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Holiday Stock—Weiser Bros., 71 Yates street, are showing a handsome and well-selected stock of holiday goods, including the best lines of Ladies' and Children's' Gloves. See their ad elsewhere in this issue of the Colonist.

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Chinese Reformer.—The local Chinese population is awaiting with much interest the arrival of Kang Yu Wei, the Chinese reformer, who is expected down from Vancouver this evening. Kang Yu Wei will deliver a number of addresses here on the advantages of reform. The arrival of the prominent reformer in British Columbia has created considerable interest among the members of the Chinese Reform and Benevolent Associations. Although Kang Yu Wei will be welcomed principally by the reformer, and his addresses will be directed by him, his addresses will be interested in the reform among his residents of Chinatown will join in making his stay here pleasant.

For Ragged Children.—Respecting Christmas gifts to the ragged children of London, N. B., Fisher, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in a public statement, says: "On behalf of the London ragged children I wish to express hearty thanks to all who have subscribed to the dinner fund. Already there is a prospect of a larger sum being raised than was forwarded last year. One very pleasing incident is the receipt of \$5 from the Centennial Methodist Sunday school, which demonstrates the fact that the scholars are catching the spirit of their large-hearted superintendent. All wishing to subscribe are requested to send in their subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A., 40 Broad street, before this evening, when the list will be closed."

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St. John's Social.—The social in St. John's schoolroom will take place on Tuesday, 13th of December. Further notice will be given later.

Making Progress.—The friends of the W. C. T. U. mission, 17 Johnson street, will be glad to inform that the Free labor museum has been furthered by the installation of telephone. It will forward the work of temperance in this city, if business men and others wishing to secure male help will call up No. 1124.

A Sudden Illness.—R. E. Jackson, K. C., of Drake, Jackson & Helmick, was seized with a sudden stroke of illness about 3 p. m. yesterday while standing near the corner of Broughton and Johnson streets, falling heavily to the sidewalk. Dr. Hermann Robertson being summoned, the ambulance was called and he was conveyed to St. Joseph's hospital, where a diagnosis of the case discloses that Mr. Jackson had suffered a partial stroke of paralysis. Dr. Robertson reported that he was resting easily just evening and his condition somewhat improved.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at the family residence, 23 Toronto street yesterday, of Edwin Wagstaff, a native of Staffordshire, England, and 65 years of age. Deceased, who was a well-known expressman, had resided here since 1884. A widow and six children mourn his loss, namely, George Wagstaff, Mrs. W. Powner, of Northport; John W. Wagstaff, Mrs. John Creed and Mrs. W. Emery, of Victoria, and Mrs. H. Coulter, of Ladysmith. The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow, December 1st, at 2:30 o'clock, from the

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Much Guess Work Is Being Indulged in all Coast Points.

Land Syndicate at Toronto Says
Port Simpson is the Site.

Not only in Victoria, but generally throughout Pacific coast points is interest general in the speculation being indulged in regarding the northern terminus of the projected Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer in its issue of yesterday, has the following:

With the advent into British Columbia of the engineers who are running the preliminary surveys for the proposed Grand Trunk line from Quebec to the Pacific ocean, which will have its terminus somewhere along the coast line of Queen Charlotte sound, speculation is again rife as to the exact terminus of the new transcontinental line which the Grand Trunk people declared more than a year ago they would have in operation within five years.

Port Simpson, located at the head of the waterway, Northwest, is held in high regard by land syndicates, which claim to have authentic information as to the exact location of the Pacific terminus of the road, and all fix it at some point opposite Queen Charlotte islands. A city equal in size and importance to Seattle has already been planned on paper by some of the enterprising promoters, who incidentally desire to dispose of lots and blocks in what is now the wooded shore line of Queen Charlotte sound. One prophetic land syndicate, with headquarters in Toronto, says in its prospectus:

"Phenomenal as has been the growth of Seattle, Port Simpson bids fair to eclipse the marvelous record of this typical city of the great west. It is 605 miles nearer to Yokohama than Vancouver and Seattle, and via Port Simpson and the proposed new transcontinental railway a saving in distance between Yokohama and Liverpool of 1,000 miles will be effected over the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern routes and 1,233 miles over the San Francisco route. The Port Simpson road will therefore have the call on the trade of the Orient, and Port Simpson will be one of the most important ports on the Pacific."

in support of their contention that

Port Simpson will be the Pacific terminus of the proposed new road, its promoters are circulating Dominion government reports, issued as far back as January 1880, in an attempt to prove that it is the only port from which trans-Pacific trade can be safely, economically and quickly handled. One had syndicate concludes its prediction in the following language:

"And Port Simpson will be the Pacific port of any railway that is built north of the Canadian Pacific railway, whether it be the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern or the Trans-Canada. Nature has decreed it as surely as it was decreed that Seattle should be the terminus of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, and that Vancouver should be the terminus of the Canadian Pacific."

THE Czar's MISFORTUNE.

Toronto World.

The Czar proposes to double-track the Siberian railway. It must be the regret of his life that there are not patriots like Hon. George A. Cox and Charles M. Hays, who would readily undertake to own the road after it is built.

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Had Good View of Tremendous Struggle—Says War Is an Awful Thing.

Following are extracts from a letter from Mr. George Denny, formerly a member of the Colonist staff and now Associated Press representative at the seat of war in the Far East. The letter was written from Mukden, and is dated October 20th:

"We have been having a busy time, this being my second day in town since the big battle commenced. I left Mukden on October 7th to join the army, which was to advance, and was on the spot when the fighting commenced on October 9th. I remained in the thick of it for a week, then returned to Mukden for one day, going out again the next day and returning yesterday.

"The Japs gave us a warm reception, and we were forced to retire some distance; but have made a short advance again since. However, both armies are tired out, and the battle seems to have worn itself out, without any great advantage to either side.

"The loss of life was terrible, and never will I forget the scenes I witnessed each morning, when the wounded were brought off the fields in crowds, many of them dragging themselves along the best way they could. There are so many middle aged men, too, who dropped out from mere exhaustion.

"One war experience, I think, will satisfy me. I do not care for the sensation caused by the bursting of shells over and around one."

"As one section of the army was fighting around the hills, we had a grand view of the whole battle, and could even see our enemy in a few instances—something very unusual in modern warfare with such long-range artillery.

"We had fine weather during the battle and basked in the sun on the mountain tops watching our batteries at work, and the Jap shells bursting over every acre of ground. But it is useless to try and tell you all in a letter."

"I have kept well throughout it all, the little rough work agreeing with me. We are all in hopes that something will occur soon so the campaign will be ended for the season, and we will be able to go home for the winter."

THE NEBRASKA'S ULSTER.

Big Warship Taking Her Plating at Moran's.

The work of placing the heavy armor plate on the sides of the United States battleship Nebraska is progressing rapidly at the Moran Bros. shipyards, says Monday's Seattle Times.

The heavy plates are put in place by use of a floating derrick. Pilot rivets hold the armor to the vessel's sides until the regular rivets are driven.

The Nebraska is waterproof as regards more than protection against the shot and shell of the友军. The plate extends below the waterline for some distance to protect the Nebraska should she be attacked during a storm, as the rolling of the vessel would expose unprotected parts to an enemy's fire.

When the Nebraska is finally in commission there will be 3,228 tons of armor plate on the vessel. At the present time the Morans have about 2,439 tons on hand. In all there are 148 now on hand. The top piece weighs about 500 tons, and additional plates are going on board as rapidly as the workmen can put them in place. The heaviest plate weighs 31 tons.

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INDIAN VERSION OF CLAYOQUOT TROUBLE

Siwashes Claim That Demands Had the Appearance of a Bluff.

Members of the Nootka tribe of Indians who were concerned in the rescue of Nauhlinny (generally known as Napoleon) and Nootka Harry, from Constable Dan McDougal and Captain Brown, the two British officers detailed in yesterday's Colonist, are expected to come voluntarily to Victoria as soon as they can, to consult with the officials of the Indian department, and, if possible, convince them that they are not quite so black as they are painted. Their classical knowledge extended even to familiar quotations, their motto would be "Audi alteram partem," for there is another side to almost every subject of dispute.

The Indians made a grave mistake, of course, in setting themselves against a constable, but they have an explanation of the trouble, which is entirely different from the official version, which in a way gives a new complexion to what is undoubtedly a serious matter. Here is the story of "the other side" as related by a friend of the Indians, who also was a passenger by the Queen City on her return trip, and who will probably be in evidence when official inquiry into the Nootka "riot" opens:

"Had Constable McDougal gone alone to Nootka there would have been no trouble, he was no mistake, however, in going with a squad in as a special constable. Captain Brown of the sealing schooner Zillah May, who was also complainant in the case originally. The Siwashes aren't up to all the seeming contradictions of civilization, and, thinking Captain Brown as a sealing captain, they weren't prepared to receive him as an officer. Indeed, the whole procedure was misunderstood, and as I am informed, the trouble grew out of the misapprehension, and the Indians had no idea of breaking the law at the command of the steamer. Captain Brown demanded that they go with him to Bering Sea, which they had no wish to do or thought of doing. They declare that they were under no obligation to do so unless they had signed for another voyage. The Indians were arrested for breaking articles on Captain Brown's schooner. They and their tribesmen say that the charge was something of a bluff. 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